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Mrs. Jack Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, Ohio
Darling Dick,

I know I should write you a letter tonight as it's been a couple days since I last wrote. We've been moving a lot. We haven't gotten mail for two days so maybe tomorrow I'll hit the jackpot.

Nothing new around here. So I'll just kind of make this a love letter.

How is my dainty darlin' these days?

I love you so, baby Dick. I'm always thinking of you, and remembering all the wonderful moments we've spent together, and how swell the future is going to be when we can be together always.

Thursday

That's a heck of a way for me to start right in the middle of a letter to my sweetheart, but I couldn't find enough dry wood to keep the fire going. Tonight I have another candle so I'll try to finish this.

We're really snug as a bug here tonight. Four of us have our little shelters pitched together. It makes a nice long tent closed at both ends - like this.
Our mail man still hasn't rounded up our mail for us so this makes the third day without a sugar report from my little sweetie. We've been making a list of things to do and things are pretty much as usual.

I appreciate my watch more every day, honey. It's keeping perfect time. We're in the 7:00 Central Time zone here, one hour earlier than the time we kept in Henderson. It seems as this gives us a little extra time to write letters, if you have time to answer them. The old world is the same day that it is.

Monday is Valentine's day, and I'm afraid I'm not going to get anywhere to buy you a Valentine. Will you forgive me this time, sweetie? You know, sweetie, that I'm prone to forget every day of the year. We'll make up everything when I get home again. You're such a wonderful wife, always cheerful, and keeping me that way.

Every day will be a holiday for us, too. I expect you to return immediately. Love you, sweetheart.

Your lover,

Jack
Pvt. J. P. B[ell] 35052495
78th. Sig. Co. A.P.O. 78
Free

Mrs. Jack Bell
345 W. River St.
Elyria, Ohio
Darling Fink,

I know I should write you a letter tonight as it’s been a couple days since I last wrote. We’ve been moving a lot. We haven’t gotten mail for two days so maybe tomorrow I’ll hit the jackpot.

Nothing new around here. So I’ll just kind of make this a love letter.

How is my dimpled darling these days? I love you so, baby Fink I’m allways [sic] thinking of you, and remembering all the wonderful moments we’ve spent together, and how swell the future is going to be when we can be together allways [sic].

Thursday

That’s a heck of a way for me to stop right in the middle of a letter to my sweetie, but I couldn’t find enough dry wood to keep the fire going. Tonite I have another candle so I’ll try to finish this.

We’re really snug as a bug here tonite. Four of us have our shelter halves pitched together. It makes a nice long tent closed at both ends, like this [[Image: drawing of a long rectangular tent, triangles at both ends]]
Our mail man still hasn’t rounded up
our mail for us so this makes the third day
without a sugar report from my little sweetie.
We’ve been moving a lot so things are pretty
much snafu.

I appreciate my watch more every day, honey.
It’s keeping perfect time. We’re in the central time zone here, one hour earlier
than the time we kept in Henderson.

It seems as tho’ I’m at a loss for some
thing to write unless I have a letter from you you so I’ll have questions to answer to help fill
it up. The old woods are the same day after
day.

Monday is valentine’s day, and I’m afraid
I’m not going to get anywhere to buy you a
valentine so will you forgive me this time
sweetie? You know you’re my valentine
every day of the year, sweetie. As I’ve prom.
ised you before, we’ll make up every thing when
I get home again. You’re such a wonderful
wife, allways cheerful, and keeping me that way
too. Every day will be a holiday for us,
honey when we can be together again.

I love you, sweetheart. All my love,
and bushels of hugs and kisses which I
expect you to return immediately.

Your lover,

[underscore] Jack [/underscore]